GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL POLICY ON ADOLESCENTS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a National Policy on Adolescents is being proposed keeping in view around 260 million adolescents-individuals between the age group of 10 and 19 years;

(b) if so, whether the Planning Commission had also suggested for framing a national policy on adolescents in India;

(c) whether this scheme will be finalised in the Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(d) if so, by when it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPOPRTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) to(d): The Planning Commission constituted a Working Group to examine the entire gamut of issue covering the Adolescents. The Working Group brought out a Report which can broadly be regarded as a National Policy document on Adolescents. The Report of the Working Group has been accepted by the Planning Commission. The Working Group inter-alia, recommended that the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports be designated as Nodal Ministry for Adolescents and should formulate a Scheme for the development and empowerment of this segment of the population. In pursuance thereof, this Ministry has formulated a `Scheme of Financial Assistance for the Development and Empowerment of Adolescents` to be implemented during the Tenth Five Year Plan. The Scheme is being placed before the Expenditure Finance Committee for approval.